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SUBJ: HEAD OF STATE VISITS TO JAPAN IN 1976

SUMMARY: LINEUP OF PROSPECTIVE HEAD OF STATE VISITORS TO JAPAN
IN 1976 AND REPORTS OF PRIME MINISTER MIKI'S TRAVEL PLANS
REFLECT CONTINUING BROADENING OF JAPANESE DIPLOMACY, WITH
EMPHASIS ON STRENGTHENING TIES WITH RAW MATERIALS
SUPPLIERS. END SUMMARY.

1. JAPANESE MEDIA, EVIDENTLY ON BASIS OF FONOFF BRIEFING,
REPORT THAT FOLLOWING NATIONAL LEADERS HAVE BEEN
INVITED TO VISIT JAPAN IN 1976:

JORDAN - KING HUSSEIN (MARCH)

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NEW ZEALAND - PRIME MINISTER MULDOON (APRIL)

POLAND - FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK (APRIL)
BRAZIL - PRESIDENT GEISEL (APRIL)
MOROCCO - PRIME MINISTER OSMAN (DECEMBER)
AUSTRALIA - PRIME MINISTER FRASER (DATE UNCERTAIN)
CANADA - PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU (DATE UNCERTAIN)
EGYPT - PRESIDENT SADAT (DATE UNCERTAIN)
SRI LANKA - PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE (DATE UNCERTAIN)

2. PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING OF FRANCE AND NEW
PREMIER CHOI KYU HA OF SOUTH KOREA ARE ALSO REPORTED TO
BE PROSPECTIVE VISITORS. GISCARD WAS INVITED BY FOREIGN
MINISTER MIYAZAWA ON DEC 23: A VISIT WAS PROMISED, BUT
IS MORE LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE IN EARLY 1977.

3. JAPANESE PRESS HAS BEEN MOST INTRIGUED BY INVITATIONS
TO HUSSEIN, OSMAN AND SADAT, CONSIDERED A TAKEN OF
PURPORTED GOJ EFFORT TO FIRM TIES WITH ARAB MODERATES AS
INSULATION AGAINST PRESSURES FROM ARAB RADICALS. REGARDING
GIEREK INVITATION, PRESS NOTES THAT POLAND IS JAPAN'S
LARGEST EAST EUROPEAN TRADING PARTNER.

4. COMMENT: A VISIT BY MIKI TO ALL OR SEVERAL OF THE
ASEAN STATES THIS SPRING SEEMS LIKELY, AND PRESS HAS
MOOTED POSSIBILITY OF A MIKI VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST LATER
IN 1976. IF MOST VISITS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS MATERIALIZE,
IT WILL BE A BUSY YEAR FOR HIGH-LEVEL JAPANESE
DIPLOMACY GLOBALLY, WITH EMPHASIS ON RELATIONS
WITH MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES AND RESOURCES PRODUCERS.
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